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Office Action Summary

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HOSOGAI, TOSHIO

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 5/28/04 (Pre-Amdt).
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/24/04.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claims 4, the term “the reversible pocket pouch” lacks proper antecedent basis. Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wallach (US 4,145,762).

Wallach discloses a reversible item/garment including an extension piece (16) coupled to a main piece (16) defining a lip by a seam (148) with an opening (15) formed between the main piece and the extension piece as shown in figure 2. Also, a reversible pocket (20) is coupled to

the seam and when the item/garment is reversed the reversible pocket is pulled through the opening in the seam as shown in figures 2 and 3. Further, it is inherent that the reversible pocket has an enclosed seam as with conventional constructed pockets. Furthermore, a mirror extension piece (17) is also coupled to the seam for being enclosed when the pocket is reversed as shown in figure 2.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wallach.

With regard to claim 5, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to provide the seam of Wallace with a welt/flap that covers the opening as known with protective items having such openings or depending on the end use thereof.

7. Claims 3 and 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wallach in view of Knapp (US 5,204,995). Wallach discloses the invention as set forth above except for showing a pouch that is accessible on the outside of the item when the pocket is reversed.

Knapp discloses an item/garment having a reversible long pocket with a curved portion and including a short pouch/pocket with a curved portion that is accessible on the outside of the

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item when the long pocket is reversed as shown in figure 5. Additionally, a band (48) of hook and loop material is coupled to the straight portion of the short pocket as shown in figure 5.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the pocket of Wallach with a closable short pocket/pouch that is accessible on the outside of the item when the pocket is reversed as taught by Knapp so that desired items can be carried or depending on the particular end use thereof.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tejash Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-4993. The fax phone number for this group is (571) 273-8300.

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